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1. SUMMARY: IN 48 HOUR PERIOD SINCE LAST MESSAGE (REFTEL) REPORTING ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS, THREE POV'S HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY FIRE.OTHERS FROM ROCKS AND VANDALISM, DEMONSTRATION AT RHODES PROTESTING VOA INSTALLATION AND REPORTS OF HARASSING ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL. END SUMMARY.

2. SETTING FIRE TO U.S. SERVICEMEN PRIVATELY OWNED CARS
CONTINUED WITH TWO POV'S BURNED AUGUST 21 AND ANOTHER DAMAGED
TO LESSER EXTENT AUGUST 22. INCIDENTS WHICH MAINLY OCCURRED
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LATE AT NIGHT FOLLOW PATTERN OF GASOLINE BEING SPLASHED ON CAR PARKED ON STREET NEAR MILITARY PERSONNEL HOME, MATCH IS

TOSSED ON INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCE AND THEN FLIGHT OF PERPETRATORS. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE AS YET. THERE ARE REPORTS OF REMOVAL FROM OTHER CARS OF ANTENNAS AND WINDSHIELD WIPERS, ROCK THROWING AND TIRE SLASHINGS. INSULTS AND VERBAL ABUSE AGAINST AMERICANS HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED. USIS FSL IN PATRAS HAS RECEIVED NUMBEROUS THREATENING PHONE CALLS. TA NEA CARRIES HEADLINE: "AMERICANS STAY HOME--NIGHTCLUBS CLOSE IN GLYFADA."

- 3. DEMONSTRATION IN RHODES AGAINST VOA STATION OF ABOUT 3,000 TOOK PLACE AUGUST 21 EARLY EVENING. USUAL SLOGANS OF "AMERICANS OUT" AND CHARGES AGAINST NATO AND CIA WERE CHANTED. SIGNS WERE CARRIED BY CROWD LEADERS WHO INITIATED SHOUTING FOR VOA GREEK EMPLOYEES TO GO ON STRIKE AND FOR ABOLITION OF VOA STATION. DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY. THREATENED ATTACK ON VOA KAVALA DID NOT MATERIALIZE.
- 4. ATHENS PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. AIRBASE IN CRETE WARNED U.S. PERSONNEL TO AVOID CIRCULATING IN IRAKLION. SOME U.S.-MAKE CARS HAVE APPEARED IN ATHENS WITH HAND-PRINTED SIGNS IN REAR WINDOW "THIS CAR BELONGS TO A GREEK." TASCA

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